



Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 27 August 2020 – 1:00 pm

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- Present:**
- His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
 - Cr Nigel Belsham
 - Cr Cath Ash
 - Cr Brian Carter
 - Cr Fiona Dalgety
 - Cr Gill Duncan
 - Cr Jane Dunn
 - Cr Angus Gordon
 - Cr Tracey Hiroa
 - Cr Richard Lambert
 - Cr Waru Panapa
 - Cr Dave Wilson
- In attendance:**
- Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
 - Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager – *via Zoom*
 - Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor – Infrastructure
 - Ms Jo Devine, GM – Finance and Business Support
 - Mr Dave Tombs, GM – Finance and Business Support
 - Ms Carol Gordon, Manager – Executive Team
 - Mr John Jones, Asset Manager - Roading
 - Mr George Forster – Policy Advisor
 - Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator
- Tabled Documents:**
- Item 2** - Presentation from Ford Ranger New Zealand Rural Games
 - Item 2** – Concerns on consultation process Bulls Town Signage
 - Item 2** – Amended Bulls Town Sign image
 - Item 8** - Rural and Provincial Sector Meeting – report from Councillor Dalgety
 - Item 9** - Rangitikei River enhancement
 - Item 12** - Three Waters stimulus funding
 - Item 15** - Letters from Taihape Netball Centre, Taihape Tennis Club and Taihape Shearing Sports.
 - Item 20** - Hunterville Rural Water Scheme, Bulls Community Committee, Youth Council minutes
- Late Items:**
- Thank you card – Friends of Taihape Society

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting at 1. 05pm

2 Council Prayer

Cr Dalgety read the Council Prayer.

3 Public Forum

James Russell

Mr James Russell resident of Ohingaiti addressed Council advising he has had concerns regarding Makohine Lane, the old state highway in Ohingaiti for some time. He noted that the lane has been used for dumping vehicles, concrete posts and rubbish, mostly on and outside private properties and that this would not be accepted in other townships. Mr Russell advised that he has raised the issue with His Worship the Mayor and previous Councillors.

His Worship the Mayor expressed that he has been working on this with relevant staff.

Mr Beggs acknowledged Mr Russell's comments and updated Council that on 26 August 2020 the regulatory team undertook a site visit – as the Bylaw allows to do so. A contractor will be removing two car bodies, and a 2 week timeframe has been provided to remove other materials.

Margaret Kouvelis and James Stewart

Ms Margaret Kouvelis, Chair and Mr James Stewart, Trustee of the Ford Ranger New Zealand Rural Games were invited to Council to provide a presentation on the games.

Ms Kouvelis provided a brief background on the history of the games, noting the large scaled Horizons region sporting event celebrates not so well-known sports, along with the “clash of the colleges”, with approximately 40,000 attendees over 3 days.

The trust are seeking \$5,000 as part of the local government contribution, which would provide Council a platform to showcase the Rangitikei Agri Sector and put the district on the map.

Heather Thorby

Ms Heather Thorby resident of Bulls, expressed her concerns around the consultation process taken for the new Bulls Township Signs.

She explained that members of the Bulls Community had contacted her about the process, which closed 24 August 2020 – 4 days earlier, with only two options to vote on and which had not returned to the Bulls Community Committee to discuss the feedback provided.

Ms Thorby confirmed she was not aware of any workshops being held for discussions on the Town Signage image, and it only came to her knowledge when she received the pamphlet in

the mail. She noted that the process had started as Town Signage image to now including merchandise and branding for the “a-bull”.

Tricia Falkner, Tyrone Barker and Helen Scully

Ms Tricia Falkner and Mr Tyrone Barker of the Bulls Community Committee and Ms Helen Scully of the Bulls & District Community Trust presented the results of the recent pamphlet drop in Bulls for the final design of the Bulls Town Signage. Ms Falkner advised that there were 117 responses, with 68% preferring option A.

The Bulls Community Committee and Bulls & District Community Trust are requesting that Council adopt option A as the new Bulls Town Signage.

4 Apologies/Leave of Absence

Nil

5 Members’ conflict of interest

His Worship the Mayor advised he had recently received questions from Elected Members regarding Conflicts of Interest, which he has advised accordingly. He reminded those in attendance of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

6 Confirmation of order of business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting,

- Thank you card – Friends of Taihape Society

be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

Item 10 and Item 12 were moved to follow Item 7.

7 Confirmation of minutes

It was noted there were two resolutions with the same wording and that staff follow this error up, and that the previous minutes be amended to reflect the correct resolution number and wording.

Resolved minute number	20/RDC/290	File Ref
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That the minutes of Council’s meeting held on 30 July 2020 as amended be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting

Cr Ash/Cr Duncan. Carried

10 Rangitikei River enhancement – Shovel-ready application

Horizons River Management Group Manager Ramon Strong and Rangitikei representative - Horizons Councillor John Turkington were in attendance to update Elected Members of the River Enhancement Project. An apology from Rangitikei representative Horizons Councillor Bruce Gordon was noted.

Mr Strong updated Elected Members that Horizons Regional Council have received \$26.9 million in funding for 5 projects, with 5 million dollars set aside to widen the Rangitikei River, along with native planting downstream of the Bulls bridge to the river mouth at Scotts Ferry.

The Regional Council have been in communication with the Scotts Ferry village in regards to flood protection work and the programmed works for the stop bank upgrade (separate funding) and intend to hold a public meeting before the end of the year.

Mr Strong also noted that Horizons would like to build a shared path with Rangitikei Council from Scotts Ferry up to the Bulls Bridge (Rangitikei side of the river), and open it up for public access. There are no current request for funding contributions.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/291** **File Ref**

That the verbal overview of the management strategy being developed for the Rangitikei River Scheme and the associated shovel ready application for the reach below the Bulls Bridge, be received.

Cr Belsham/Cr Ash. Carried

12 Mangaweka Bridge Replacement: Tender Award

Mr John Jones took the report as read.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/292** **File Ref** **C1063**

That the report 'Mangaweka Bridge Replacement: Tender Award' to the 27 August 2020 Council meeting be received.

Cr Hiroa/Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/293** **File Ref**

That the Council awards Contract MP1068-3 Mangaweka Bridge Replacement to Emmetts Civil Construction Ltd., Stringfellows Contracting Ltd., and Dempsey Wood Civil Ltd. for the sum of Seven Million, and Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (excl GST).

Cr Belsham/Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/294** **File Ref**

That the Council notes that this amount includes a 16% contingency, which can be utilised only upon the Engineer's approval.

Cr Belsham/Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/295** **File Ref**

That the Council notes the cost of construction will be shared equally between the Manawatu and Rangitikei District Councils and noting there will be a revenue stream from the New Zealand Transport Agency.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Duncan. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

His Worship the Mayor took his report as read and provided the following updates:

- Councillor Ash has resigned from her position at Project Marton, noting Council acknowledges the events she has co-ordinated over the years.
- Council have signed the Memorandum of Understanding for tranche one of the Three Waters Reform Programme.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/296** **File Ref** **3-EP-3-5**

That the 'Mayor's report and schedule' to the 27 August 2020 Council meeting be received.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Dunn. Carried

9 Rural and Provincial Sector Meeting

Cr Duncan and Cr Dalgety took their reports as read.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/297** **File Ref**

That the reports 'Rural and Provincial Sector Meeting' to the 27 August 2020 Council meeting be received.

Cr Carter/Cr Dalgety. Carried

11 Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update

Ms Gordon took the report as read, updating Elected Members that a report will be provided to each Council meeting, with decisions included in time.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/298** **File Ref** **1-LTP-5-5**

That the report 'Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update' to Council's meeting on 27 August 2020 be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Duncan. Carried

13 Three Waters stimulus funding

Mr Benadie briefed Elected Members that due to the short timeframes the memorandum had to be presented as a tabled document, as the programme of works must be provided to Central Government as soon as possible.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/299** **File Ref**

That the tabled memorandum on the "Three Waters stimulus funding" to the 27 August 2020 Council Meeting be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/300** **File Ref**

That Council Agree on the projects proposed for the Rangitikei District Council Delivery Plan as detailed in the memorandum 'Three waters stimulus funding' tabled at the 27 August 2020 Council meeting,

Cr Lambert/Cr Wilson. Carried

Meeting adjourned 3.00pm-3.15pm.

14 Rangitikei District Mayoral Relief Trust Fund

The Rangitikei District Mayoral Relief Trust Fund Deed has been amended and re-presented to Council. The amended document is no longer COVID-19 specific and allows for future welfare or events to ensure potential funders can financially contribute.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/301** **File Ref** **1-ER-2-5**

That the revised 'Rangitikei District Mayoral Relief Trust Fund' to the 27 August 2020 Council meeting be received.

Cr Ash/Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/302** **File Ref**

That Council adopts the revised Rangitikei Mayoral relief Fund Trust Deed to allow assistance with any disruptive event, including (but not confined to) COVID-19.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Wilson. Carried

Meeting adjourned 3.00pm-3.15pm.

15 Costings to incorporate a changing room at Bulls Community Centre – update

Mr Benadie provided a brief update:

- The architect has advised the space is rather tricky, however will provide a proposal.
- Have sought guidance from someone who ran a theatre for 12 years for their perspective.
- An update will be provided at the Council meeting in September.

Councillor Dunn recommended contacting user groups who regularly use the current Bulls Town Hall, such as the local schools, Bulls & District Community Trust and teachers who put on events (not specifically principals), for a different perspective that of a professional.

16 New facilities on Taihape Memorial Park

Elected Members took the Notice of Motion as read, noting a report is to be prepared before further action can be taken.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/303** **File Ref**

That the Notice of Motion to Council's meeting on 27 August 2020 to revoke Council's decision on the Taihape Amenities Build on Council's preferred tennis court site **(20/RDC/040 of 27 February 2020)** be received.

Cr Dalgety/Cr Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/304** **File Ref**

That the Chief Executive prepare a report on the proposed revoking of Council decision on the Taihape Amenities Build on Council's preferred tennis court site **(20/RDC/040 of 27 February 2020)** and upgrading the amenities in the grandstand as an alternative, to include a comparison of the facilities envisaged being built at each location and the estimated costs of these.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Hiroa. Carried

The statement from the Taihape Community Board to His Worship the Mayor and Councillors, supporting the proposal from the Taihape Heritage Trust was taken as read.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/305** **File Ref**

That the statement to the Mayor and Councillors signed by voting members of the Taihape Community Board supporting the view from the Taihape Heritage Trust on the Taihape Memorial Park grandstand be received.

Cr Dalgety/Cr Hiroa. Carried

The letter from the Taihape Community Development Trust in support of retaining the Taihape Grandstand was taken as read.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/306** **File Ref**

That the letter from Les Clarke, the Chair of the Taihape Community Development Trust be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Ash. Carried

The three tabled letters in support of the new Taihape Amenities Building proposed for Taihape Memorial Park were taken as read.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/307** **File Ref**

That the tabled letters in support of the new Taihape Amenities Building proposed for Taihape Memorial Park from Alison Jones, on behalf of the Taihape Netball Centre, Louise Totman, Chairperson of the Taihape Tennis Club and Stu Munro, Chairperson of the Taihape Shearing Sports be received.

Cr Gordon/Cr Wilson. Carried

17 Taihape Squash – Deed of Lease Variation Request

The report was taken as read.

Councillor Belsham thanked staff for the comprehensive report.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/308** **File Ref** **6-RF-1-12**

That the report 'Taihape Squash – Deed of Lease Variation Request' to the 27 August 2020 Council meeting is received.

Cr Gordon/Cr Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/309** **File Ref**

That Council support a variation to the Taihape Squash Club Deed of Lease for an area of approximately 280m² for the purpose of additional squash courts.

Cr Dunn/Cr Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/310** **File Ref**

That a report be provided to Council at its August 2021 meeting on progress with examining options to house the Parks team's equipment and chemicals on a long-term basis.

Cr Belsham/Cr Gordon. Carried

18 Utiku & Old Boys Rugby Football Club Inc.

The letter was taken as read.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/311** **File Ref**

That the letter from Utiku & Old Boys Rugby Football Club Inc. is received.

Cr Gordon/Cr Wilson. Carried

19 Administrative Matters – August 2020

Mr Beggs updated Elected Members on the following:

- The Memorandum of Understanding for the Three Waters Reform Programme has been signed, with acknowledgment the signed MoU has been received.
- The Covid-19 Incident Management Team has resumed.
- 53 people have been placed into employment via Mahi Tahī, 29 of those are people who were displaced by Covid-19.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/312** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the report 'Administrative Matters – August 2020' to the 27 August 2020 Council meeting be received.

Cr Belsham/Cr Panapa. Carried

Resolved minute number 20/RDC/313 File Ref

That having regard to the recommendation from Te Rōpu Ahi Kā (at its extraordinary meeting on 18 August 2020) and from the Audit/Risk Committee (at its extraordinary meeting on 20 August 2020), Council resolves to

- a. advocate that future decisions on water reform include adequate time for Te Rōpu Ahi Kā members to engage with their people/whanau;
- b. note Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's concern for the long term implications of iwi relationship with a future large entity that is unknown at this stage;
- c. consider that some of the \$4.82m offered to Council by signing the Memorandum of Understanding be assigned for the investigation and assessment of District marae drinking water and wastewater; and
- d. consider supporting an application for funding from the Government's \$30m marae and papakainga sub fund.

Cr Hiroa/Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 20/RDC/314 File Ref

That having regard to the recommendation from the Audit/Risk Committee at its extraordinary meeting on 20 August 2020, Council resolves to request the other territorial authorities in the Horizons region to

- a. agree to the investigation and assessment of marae and papakainga drinking water and wastewater on a regional basis, using some of the stimulus funding allocated on a regional basis and
- b. consider supporting an application for regional funding from the Government's \$ 30 million marae and papakainga sub fund.

Cr Wilson/Cr Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 20/RDC/315 File Ref

That regarding the funding request from the Scotts Ferry Community Committee, Council approves a grant of \$950 for the purchase of a replacement defibrillator battery and to assist with costs for skip bins for the beach clean-up.

Cr Dunn/Cr Ash. Carried

20 Top Ten Projects – status, August 2020

Mr Benadie spoke to his memorandum, highlighting the following:

- **Upgrade of the Ratana wastewater treatment plant** - Council have employed a consultant to consider the benefits and limitations of the lease of land and the new piece of land – now two pieces of potential land. An update is expected by the end of September 2020.
- **Bulls multi-purpose community centre** – The centre is due to officially open 25 September 2020 – this will include cutting of the ribbon, performances, with approximately 350 people invited including those who have worked on the building, with an open day to be held 26 September 2020 from 10am-2pm, which will be a whanau focused fun day.
- **Putorino Landfill** – In discussions with Horizon and with Iwi on solutions available to us, have engaged with WSP/Opus to start preparing the necessary consent applications.

Council are recruiting project managers for out of the ordinary projects, with four to be employed across the organisation.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/316** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the memorandum 'Top Ten Projects – status, August 2020' to the 27 August 2020 Council meeting be received.

Cr Hiroa/Cr Carter. Carried

21 Minutes and recommendations from Committees

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/317** **File Ref**

That the following minutes be received:

- Hunterville Rural Water Scheme, 6 July 2020 – *tabled*
- Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti, 7 July 2020
- Rangitikei Youth Council, 21 July 2020
- Bulls Community Committee, 21 July 2020 – *tabled*
- Finance Performance Committee, 30 July 2020
- Audit Risk Committee, 31 July 2020
- Assets Infrastructure Committee, 6 August 2020
- Policy Planning Committee, 6 August 2020
- Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti, 18 August 2020
- Rangitikei Youth Council, 18 August 2020 – *tabled*
- Audit Risk Committee, 20 August 2020

Cr Belsham/Cr Carter. Carried

That the following recommendations from the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 18 August 2020:

20/IWI/019

That Te Rōpu Ahi Kā recommends that the Council signs the Memorandum of Understanding for the first stage of the Government's reform programme for the three waters.

Undertaking Subject

Staff to inform Te Roopu Ahi Kaa that Council have signed the Memorandum of Understanding for the first stage of the Government's reform programme for the three waters.

That the following recommendations from the Audit Risk Committee meeting held on 20 August 2020:

20/ARK/013

~~That, in terms of the delegation made by Council at its meeting on 30 July 2020 (20/RDC/255), the Audit/Risk Committee resolves that His Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive sign the Memorandum of Understanding, on behalf of the Rangitikei District Council, for the first stage of the Government's Three Waters Services Reform.~~

This was dealt with in item 19.

20/ARK/014

~~That having regard to the recommendations from the 18 August 2020 meeting of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, the Audit/Risk Committee recommends to Council to—~~

- ~~a. advocate that future decisions on water reform include adequate time for Te Roopu Ahi Kaa members to engage with their people/whanau;~~
- ~~b. note Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's concern for the long term implications of iwi relationship with a future large entity that is unknown at this stage;~~
- ~~c. consider that some of the \$4.82m offered to Council by signing the Memorandum of Understanding be assigned for the investigation and assessment of District marae drinking water and wastewater; and~~
- ~~d. consider supporting an application for funding from the Government's \$30m marae and papakainga sub fund.~~

This was dealt with in item 19.

20/ARK/015

~~That the Audit/Risk Committee recommends that Council request the other territorial authorities in the Horizons region to agree to the investigation and assessment of marae and papakainga drinking water and wastewater on a regional basis, using some of the stimulus funding allocated on a regional basis and consider supporting an application for regional funding from the Government's \$ 30 million marae and papakainga sub fund.~~

This was dealt with in item 19.

Undertaking Subject

Staff to inform the Audit/Risk Committee that Council have signed the Memorandum of Understanding for the first stage of the Government's reform programme for the three waters.

Resolved minute number 20/RDC/318 File Ref

That the following recommendations from the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 21 July 2020:

20/BCC/014

That, the Bulls Community Committee recommend to Council that they investigate with Horizons the installation of rubbish bins at the picnic area on the Bulls side of the Rangitikei River, noting the need for continued maintenance of the bins and removal of the rubbish on a regular basis.

Cr Dunn/Cr Hiroa. Carried

That the following recommendations from the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 21 July 2020:

20/BCC/015

The Bulls Community Committee recommends to Council to purchase and install two dog litter bag dispensers and strategically place them around the Bulls Domain and to fund them from dog registrations.

Cr Dunn/Cr Carter. Lost

22 Late items

Thank you Card from Friends of Taihape Society

The thank you card was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 20/RDC/319 File Ref

That Council receive the Thank you card from the Friends of Taihape Society.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Gordon. Carried

23 Public excluded

4.40pm

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/320** **File Ref**

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

1. Rates remission
2. Property matters

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to this matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of the matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing of this resolution
Item 1 Rates remission	To enable the local authority holding the information to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons – <i>section 7(2)(a)</i> .	Section 48(1)(a)(i)
Item 2 Property matters	To enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) – <i>section 7(2)(i)</i> .	Section 48(1)(a)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding or the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

Cr Carter/Cr Ash. Carried

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24 Open Meeting

5.02pm

Resolved minute number	20/RDC/326	File Ref
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That the public excluded meeting move into an open meeting, and the following recommendations 322, 323 and 325 be confirmed in open meeting.

20/RDC/322

That, under Council's rates remission policy providing for remission of rates on the grounds of disproportionate rates compared to the value of the property, a full remission of rates from 1 July 2020 be granted to Vicky Duncan in respect of the property at Turakina Valley Road, Hunterville (valuation 13330 01800) provided that the property value does not exceed \$10,400.

20/RDC/323

That Council, regarding the application from Brent Whitman for remission of rates at 2 Rimu Street, Marton (valuation 13620 45500) on the grounds of disproportionate rates compared with the value of the property confirms its decision at its meeting on 25 June 2020 (20/RDC/246) no remission of rates be granted because the rates are less than the 10% threshold for considering disproportionate rates.

20/RDC/325

That the Council allows the departure from the Rangitikei District Council Procurement Strategy for the procurement of the assets and services for the upgrade of the Marton Hall to achieve the economic recovery and social procurement objectives of the PGF funding

Cr Dalgety/Cr Lambert. Carried

25 Next Meeting

Thursday 24 September 2020, 1.00pm

26 Meeting Closed

5.03pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: